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Editorial

Beginning in 1992 there will be four issues of ACORN. This first issue is not the regular issue, but a special one dealing almost exclusively with the Annual Meeting and the Conference on Vernacular Architecture which precedes it.

Both events are being held in Brantford, a city with an interesting history and many architecturally significant buildings. The tour of Brantford will give those that attend an opportunity to look at some of Brantford's older buildings especially the St. Basil School complex which will be reused, and recycled for a housing project.

The Conference on Vernacular Architecture is a major effort organized by ACO. There is an excellent variety of papers to be presented which cover a broad range of topics. Vernacular Architecture is often used as a blanket term to describe a structure when you can't quite decide what else to call it. After this conference we should all have a much clearer understanding of the term Vernacular.

Mark April 24, 25, 26 on your calendar, and plan to attend all of the events. It promises to be a very worthwhile and informative weekend.

The next issue of ACORN in June will contain all of the regular features. Two more issues will follow, one in September and the last one for 1992 in December.

See you in Brantford.

Council News

ICOMOS COMES TO THE ACO

Well not really, but the ICOMOS Committee on Vernacular Architecture will meet in Brantford in conjunction with the Conference on Vernacular Architecture organized by ACO for April 24th and 25th (see insert). It will be the first time that this prestigious ICOMOS committee has met outside Ottawa or Montreal.

AGM '93

With arrangements for AGM '92 now in place, Council has turned its attention to AGM '93. Next year will be the 60th anniversary of the ACO as well as Ontario's bicentennial. It calls for something special, and your ideas for a suitable birthday celebration are invited.

CHIEFSWOOD

Brant County Branch reports some encouraging developments in the fight to preserve this landmark building (see previous issue of ACORN). On the advice of the Ministry of Culture and Communications, the Band Council of the Six Nations has passed a resolution naming Chiefswood a "Heritage Home", and Tom Hill of the Woodland Cultural Centre has given his support to the conservation project. The roof has been repaired and the windows boarded up to secure the building against vandalism. ACO members are encouraged to visit the site while in Brantford for the AGM. Michael Keefe represents the ACO on the Chiefswood Museum Restoration Committee.

MINISTER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITAGE LEGISLATION

Our representative, Alec Keefer, distributed copies of the working paper *Towards a New Ontario Heritage Act*, with revisions to December 11, 1991. Alec stressed that no directives can be sent from the committee - its members can only make recommendations and hope to influence decisions. There is a heavy schedule of meetings throughout March and April, with the study process to be completed by the end of July 1992.

Margaret Goodbody

Notice Of The Annual Meeting

Take notice that the Annual Meeting of The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Inc. will take place at the Quality Inn, Brantford, Ontario on Saturday, April 25th, 1992 at 5 p.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL:

- Receive the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting.
- Receive and consider the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 1991 (statements available at the meeting).
- Appoint Auditors.
- Receive the President's Report.
- Elect Officers and Members-at-Large.
- Consider approval of actions of Officers and Council.
- Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 1992 - 1993

President	Julia Beck
Senior Vice-President	Alec Keefer
Vice-President	
Vice-President	
Treasurer	Rob Roberti
Secretary	Margaret Goodbody
Past President	Gilles Miramontes
Members-at-Large	Anne McKillop Spencer Higgins Alice King Sculthorpe Shawn Steepe Mary Angela Tucker William Moffet

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Donna Baker, Chairman
Alice King Sculthorpe

THE ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO INC.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

9:30 AM, Saturday,
April 27th, 1991

PETERSBURG

Mrs. Joyce Arndt, President of the North Waterloo Region Branch, welcomed the over 100 members in attendance, and introduced her Committee to the Meeting. The Meeting was chaired by the President, Mr. Gilles Miramontes, and by the Senior Vice-President, Mr. Spencer Higgins.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. R. Turner, seconded by Mr. N. Hill, the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be received and accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mr. Bradley Hardie, presented the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended December 31st, 1990, together with the Auditors' Report, and Notes to the Statement. He thanked the Branch Treasurers for their accounting work throughout the year. Several requests were received for a more detailed breakdown in reporting on the Heritage Fund. Mr. Sculthorpe moved acceptance of the Financial Report, seconded by Mrs. Beck, and CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

It was moved by Mr. Hardie, seconded by Mrs. Sculthorpe, that Blackwell Sparks, Chartered Accountants, be appointed Auditors for the coming year, and that Council be authorised to fix their remuneration. CARRIED.

PRESIDENTS'S REPORT:

Mr. Miramontes reiterated the traditional aims and objectives of the Architectural Conservancy, and spoke of recent achievements. In reporting on the Presidents' Meeting held the previous evening, he noted the value of such meetings, and stressed that the legal entity of the A.C.O. rests at the Council level and not at the Branch level. He emphasised that increased membership is vital to our continuing success, and

deplored our lack of representation in many parts of the Province and particularly in the northern regions. The introduction of regional meetings, and the possibility of two new Branches, one in the Rideau Valley and one in the Windsor area, should help to increase membership and the A.C.O. profile. He thanked three long serving members of Council who are retiring this year - Mr. William Moffet, Chairman of the Advisory Board, and Mrs. Donna Baker and Dr. Peter John Stokes who have most recently served as Members-at-Large. He welcomed the return of Mrs. Margaret Goodbody who, if elected, has agreed to be the new Secretary of Council. Mr. Miramontes also thanked Mr. Alec Keefer for all his hard work as the A.C.O. representative on the Ontario Heritage Policy Review Board.

APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO BY-LAWS:

Re: By-law No. 1, Articles #3, 5, 10 and 23. Mr. Higgins chaired this part of the Meeting. He explained the reasons for the changes, read the new By-law, and asked for approval by a show of hands. There was considerable discussion on this issue, and it was generally agreed that the A.C.O. By-laws need to be completely reviewed and rewritten under proper legal guidance. In the meantime, however, it was felt necessary to make some small changes to comply with initiatives already proposed by the Programme Development Committee and accepted by two Council Meetings.

ARTICLE #3:

An amendment, proposed by Mrs. Lynda Schneider and Mr. Alec Keefer, to limit the number of Members-at-Large on Council to six, was defeated 21 - 25. Changes to this Article were then approved, with two abstentions.

ARTICLE #5:

Mrs. Margaret Goodbody requested that the requirement of an annual meeting of Branch Presidents be added to this Article. There was general agreement to this request, and it was decided that it should be implemented in time for the next AGM. Changes to this Article were then approved, with two opposed and one abstention.

ARTICLE #10:

Approved.

ARTICLE #23:

Approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

Mr. Roy Turner, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed slate of Officers and Members-at-Large for 1991 - 1992 (a copy of which had been mailed to all members and is filed with the Minutes of this Meeting). As there were no further nominations from the floor, it was moved by Mrs. Joy Krauel, seconded by Mrs. Sue Gardiner, that the nominations be closed. CARRIED. The following named individuals will serve in the office set opposite their respective names for the ensuing year:

President Mr. Gilles Miramontes

Senior Vice-President Mr. Spencer Higgins

Vice-President Mrs. Julia B.

Vice-President Mr. John Boulden

Treasurer Mr. Bradley Hardie

Secretary Mrs. Margaret Goodbody

Past President Mr. Roy Turner

Members-at-Large Mrs. Margaret Bailly

Mrs. Elizabeth Dashwood

Mrs. Anne McKillop

Mrs. Alice King Sculthorpe

Mr. Shawn Steepe

Mr. Wentworth Walker

Each to serve until his or her respective successor shall be elected and qualify.

APPROVAL OF ACTIONS OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL:

Approval duly moved by Mr. Bob Sculthorpe, seconded by Mrs. Anne McKillop, and CARRIED, with one abstention.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Jack Gardiner moved that inclusive language be considered in the writing of the new By-laws, and

ACO
Vernacular Conference
and
Annual Meeting

CONFERENCE
on VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE IN ONTARIO
Brantford Friday 24 April - Saturday 25 April, 1992

NOTE MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY
THEY OVERLAP IN THAT THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON TOUR IS INCLUDED IN THE
CONFERENCE AND THE ANNUAL MEETING BUT EMPHASIZE THAT

Program - at Woodland Cultural Centre, 184 Mohawk Street, Brantford

- Friday** 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Registration
9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Greetings; Defining the Concept of Vernacular Architecture.
10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Introduction to Vernacular
Papers: The Iroquoian Longhouse; Where is Ontario's Vernacular? Early Timber Frame Dwellings.
11:45 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch
12:45 - 1:45 p.m. 20th Century Vernacular Housing
Papers: Some Thunder Bay Homes; The Town of Leaside: Re-birth of Polychromatic Brick Buildings
1:45 - 4:00 p.m. Vernacular Landscapes
Papers: Farmsteads in Rural Landscapes; Vernacular Architecture in Rural Settlements; Architecture of Industry:
Road Bridges as Vernacular Structures.
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Main Street, Brantford - A Walking Tour
5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner (on your own)
7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Reception at Sanderson Centre, 88 Dalhousie Street, Brantford - Talk on Breweries of Ontario
- Saturday** 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Registration
9:30 - 12:00 a.m. 19th Century Vernacular Housing
Papers: The Ontario Cottage; Mennonite Houses; Cobblestone Houses of Sidney Township; Cobblestone Houses of Paris
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tour of Brant County with emphasis on vernacular architecture.
Participants may ride the bus or follow a self-guided tour from their cars.

REGISTRATION FORM
CONFERENCE ON VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE IN ONTARIO

Name _____ Organization/Co. _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Tel.(bus.) _____ (res.) _____

Advance registration (by April 10, 1992)

\$75 (includes Friday and Saturday presentations, lunch on Friday and Saturday, refreshments, reception and tour);
or \$50 (Saturday only - lunch, refreshments and tour)

Registration at the door \$100 (no guarantee of lunch, reception or tour)

Please make cheque payable to "Architectural Conservancy of Ontario" and mail it with your registration form to:

Paul Dilse, Registrar
Vernacular Architecture Conference
85 Bleecker St. #929
Toronto, Ont. M4X 1X1

If registration is received by April 10, it will be confirmed in writing.

ANNUAL MEETING ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO *Brantford: Saturday 25 April - Sunday 26 April, 1992*

ATELY FOLLOWS THE CONFERENCE ON VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE.
IN BOTH PROGRAMS. WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO REGISTER FOR THE
F THIS WILL REQUIRE FILLING OUT TWO REGISTRATION FORMS

Program for Annual General Meeting - Quality Inn, 666 Colborne St., Brantford

- Saturday** 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Registration
Banquet Hall, Quality Inn
Branches may assemble displays
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Bus tour of Brantford, Paris and area. Bus leaves from Quality Inn at 1:00 p.m.
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Afternoon tea, Banquet Hall
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Formal Annual General Meeting, Banquet Hall (no registration required)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free time
7:30 p.m. Drinks (cash bar) before buffet dinner at 8:00 p.m.
Royal Oak Restaurant, Quality Inn
Guest Speaker: Francois Varin, Chairman of the Committee on Vernacular Architecture for ICOMOS Canada.
- Sunday** 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast
Royal Oak Restaurant
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Branch reports in Banquet Hall
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Walking tours of Brantford
Victoria Square & choice of old industrial area or St. Basil's Community Housing (redevelopment of school complex).
Choice to be made at time of registration.

Overnight Accommodation. Please make your own arrangements. In the following list, the hotels/motels are close to the facilities which will be used for the conference and annual meeting.

Quality Inn: 66 Colborne Street Brantford
1-800-221-2222

(specify L-ARC for special rates below)
\$49.90 + taxes single (including breakfast)
\$59.90 + taxes double (including breakfast)

Mohawk Motel: 769 Colborne Street E.,
Brantford

(519) 753-8621 (specify non-smoking rooms)
\$38.00 + taxes single
\$50.00 + taxes double

Sherwood Motel: 797 Colborne Street E.,
Brantford

(519) 756-5261
\$32.00 + taxes single
\$40.00 + taxes double

Bed and Breakfast accommodation available at:

Ava's Bed and Breakfast, 733 Colborne
Street, E., Brantford
Mrs. E. Tombol; 3 rooms; \$50.00 per night.
Tel: 519-752-7013

Derryharney, Hwy 53, Cathcart
Tel: 519-458-4172
Mrs. Marion Sheridan (ACO member); rooms
\$30 to \$40 per night
April 26th breakfast will be at Quality Inn

Helm House, 152 Brant Ave. Brantford
Tel: 519-759-4762
Mrs. A. Kovack; 4 rooms; rates vary from
\$30 to \$65

REGISTRATION FORM - ACO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

I/we will be attending the Saturday Bus tour (\$15) Yes___ No___

I/we will be attending the Saturday buffet dinner (\$16) Yes___ No___

I/we will be attending the Sunday breakfast (\$10) Yes___ No___

I/we will be attending the walking tour

(a) St. Basil's complex Yes___ No___

(b) Industrial area Yes___ No___

I/we enclose cheque for registration (\$10/person by April 10 and \$20/person after April 10)

Registration covers afternoon tea at Quality Inn and walking tour.

Please complete form and return with cheque payable to: Brant County Branch ACO

262 Park Avenue, Brantford, Ont. N3S 5K7

For further information call Mrs. Cheryl Wood (519) 753-3057

that the A.C.O. should move towards the adoption of inclusive language in all documents. Seconded by Mr. Ed Bennett, and CARRIED, with six opposing and four abstentions.

- Mr. Dan Schneider told the meeting about the 1830's Boyd House in Bobcaygeon now threatened with demolition. The Historical Society has been urging designation, but there is no L.A.C.A.C. in Bobcaygeon. Mr. Schneider moved, seconded by Mr. Alec Keefer, that the A.C.O. express its support for the conservation and reuse of the Boyd House, Bobcaygeon, by:

urging Bobcaygeon Council to designate the Boyd House under the Ontario Heritage Act immediately; and

urging the owner to preserve and reuse the property and offering the services of the Advisory Board for this purpose. CARRIED.

- Mr. Nick Hill praised the Designing for Conservation series of Workshops sponsored by the Ministry and held in various parts of the Province during the past few months. He moved that the Workshop initiative continue next year, and that the A.C.O. negotiate with the Ministry on this matter. Seconded by Mrs. Donna Baker, and CARRIED.
- Mrs. A.K. Sculthorpe announced that June 21st is the date of the final workshop of a series sponsored by the Port Hope Branch, and she invited interested members to attend.
- Mrs. Lynda Schneider moved that Council be encouraged to develop an Activity Register to be used by the Branches on a monthly basis. Seconded by Mr. Alec Keefer, and CARRIED, with one abstention.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. A.K. Sculthorpe moved the adjournment of the Annual General Meeting.

*abeth Dashwood,
Secretary of Meeting.*

Coming Events

ACO Tea at RCYC

Sunday June 14th, 1992 2 - 5 pm

A special afternoon tea will be held at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club on Toronto Island. A special ferry will take visitors there. Members of the Archives Committee of RCYC will conduct an **Historic Walkabout**.

This is a fund raising event for ACO. Plan to attend.

For further information contact:
Mrs. Donna Baker
299 Heath St. E.
Toronto, Ontario
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416-488-3719

ACO LONDON REGION BRANCH

Saturday, April 11, 1992
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bus Tour of Aylmer and Region
For information contact:
Mrs. Anne McKillop (519) 439-0964

Tuesday, May 5, 1992 8:00 p.m.
Joint meeting with London Public Library
Featuring Mr. Ed Phelps, Librarian
from the Regional Room, Weldon Library
University of Western Ontario
Speaking on "The Reissue of
"London Heritage"
first published in 1972

19th Annual "Geranium Walk"

Heritage Building Tour
in London's Old South Area
Sunday, June 7, 1992
For tickets and information contact:
Mrs. Anne McKillop (519) 439-0964

CEMETERY CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

Presented by the Town of Haldimand
LACAC

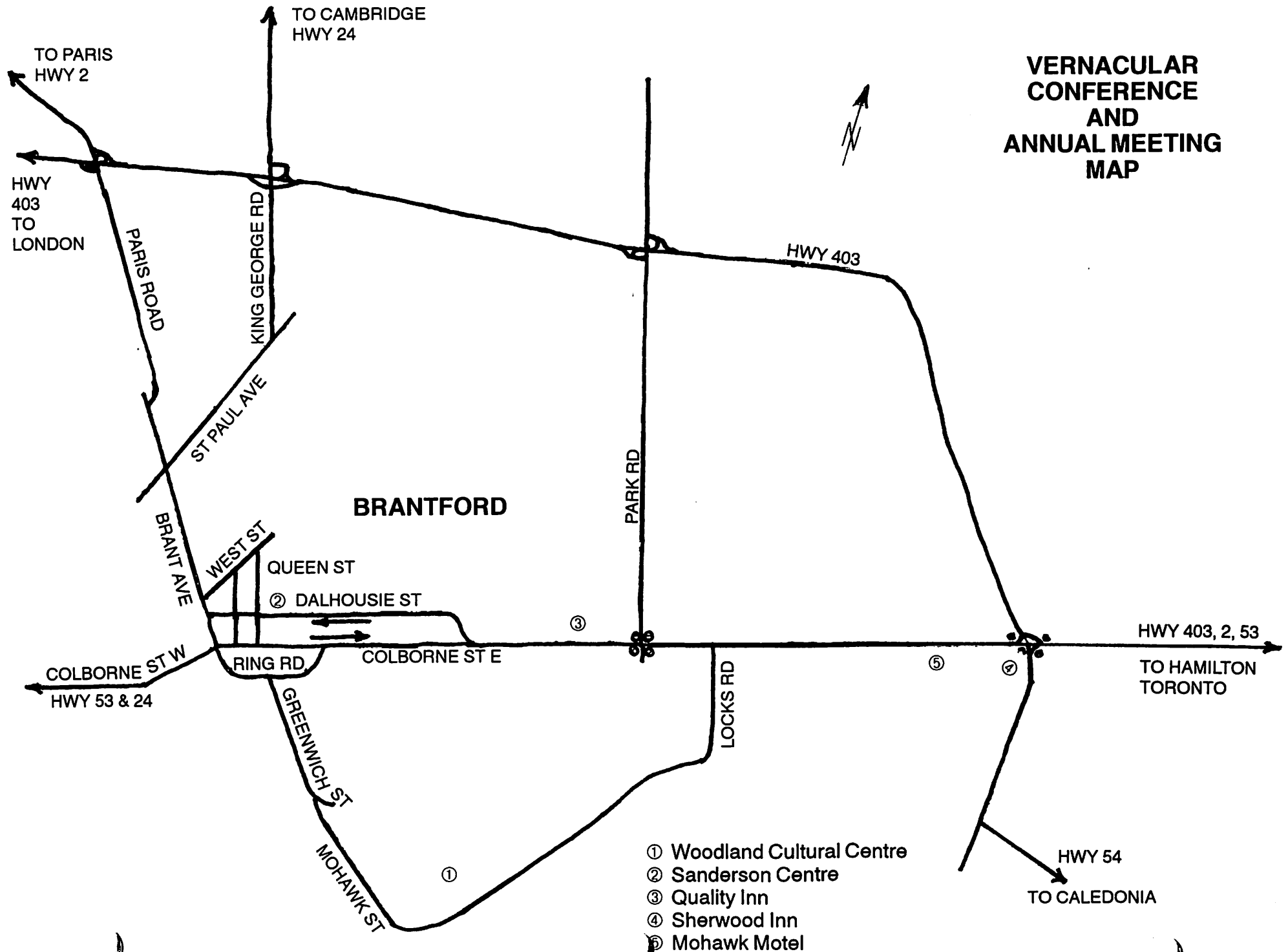
**Saturday May 2, 1992 and Wednesday
May 6, 1992** at Town of Haldimand Ad-
ministration Building, 45 Munsee St. N.,
(Hwy. 54) Cayuga.

Topics to be covered include documenting historic cemeteries, appropriate groundskeeping procedures and landscaping, and the handling and repair of marble slab grave markers. For further information or registrations, contact:

David McClung, Chairman
Town of Haldimand LACAC
P.O. Box 400
Cayuga, Ontario
N0A 1E0
416-772-5996

Registration fee \$15.00. Includes lunch.

VERNACULAR CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING MAP





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